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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been listening to comments in the trade journals, and among my friends and colleagues both in and out of the computer industry. The general consensus among those who actually understand the technology is that the Justice Department pretty much snatched defeat from the jaws of victory, and struck a blow for white collar criminals everywhere.

How ironic that an administration that espouses competition and free enterprise should come to an agreement that stifles these two cornerstones of America's commercial might.

This is not my view alone (as someone who has been involved with the industry since 1976) but the view of essentially all the observers of note who have written extensively on the subject since its announcement.

Dissent in the industry against these criminal actions has now ceased, for fear of retribution... for, have no doubt, Microsoft now has no fear of the US judicial system. It can do as it pleases. It has proven twice that corruption, criminal behavior and corporate misdeeds are rewarded, not punished.

How sad.

Competition in technology over 20 years fueled our economy. By surrendering competition to Microsoft rule, we now give the mantle of innovation to others.

Sincerely,

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